GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION IN DISABILITY AREA
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to keep a check on the quality of education in the disability sector in the country, the Rehabilitation Council of India has announced that it has made it mandatory for all registered professionals/personnel working in the disability area to review their registration and apply for re-certification after every seven years;

(b) if so, the new guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) the extent to which this will help in upgrading education in disability sector;

(d) the number of special education teachers and other professionals trained and registered with the Council?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The main features of the guidelines made by the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) for re-evaluation of registration are as under:-

(i) The registration of all Rehabilitation Professionals/Personnel exceptthose who have been registered on the basis of Bridge Course and DPEP Foundation course will be considered for re-evaluation after seven years; and

(ii) Every individual registered in the Central Rehabilitation Register isrequired to attend at least two programmes approved by the RCI underContinuous Rehabilitation Education (CRE) Programme/RefreseherProgramme/Seminar/Workshop in the field of rehabilitation, to qualify for re- evaluation of registration.

(c) It is expected that the CRE will help professionals/personnel in updatingtheir knowledge and keeping abreast of new developments, innovations and inventions that are taking place in the field of disability. This will ensure that a high degree of professionalism is maintained by the persons registered to work in the different areas of rehabilitation.

(d) The number of special education teachers and other professionals/personnel registered as on 30.11.2003 is as under:-

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Special Teachers -   10,060
Others    -   13,632
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